

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 586
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Jack Forde, Coach Heather Ott and the 1997 girls' cross-country team on winning the Tennessee Secondary school Athletic Association Division II state championship.

WHEREAS, cross-country is one of the toughest sports requiring skill, hard work, mental stamina, and dedication to achieve the level of excellence of a championship team; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 Baylor School girls' cross-county team, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division II state champion, is clearly one such memorable team; and

WHEREAS, with a score of 55 Baylor bested runner-up Girls Preparatory School by an incredible 25-point margin; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Jack Forde and Heather Ott have carefully prepared the talented team for the rigors of championship play; and

WHEREAS, each member of the team was honored for her role in the title effort; and

WHEREAS, Debby Gifford, who was second in the state tournament, was selected All-State, Chattanooga Runner of the Year, and All-City; Kate Taylor, who was fourth in the state tournament, was named All-State and All-City; Laura Hughes, who was 12th in the state tournament, was honored as All-State and All-City; Jennett Lockrow was an All-City choice and Ashley Estes won All-City recognition; and

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WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to specially recognize this outstanding team;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Jack Forde, Coach Heather Ott and the 1997 Baylor School cross-country team on winning the TSSAA Division II State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.